Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, Encouraging the Display of the American Flag.

The House passed H.R. 2882, Expedited Payment of Benefits to Public Safety Officers.

The House passed H.R. 2884, Victims of Terrorism Relief Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$9343-\$9410

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1421–1425. Page \$9395

Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 279), Senate passed H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S9354-59, S9361-88

Adopted:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1543, to prohibit the sale of disaster loans authorized under section 7(b) of the Small Business Act. Pages S9354, S9359

Hollings/Gregg Amendment No. 1558, to make certain improvements to the bill. Page S9365

Hollings/Gregg Amendment No. 1559, relating to payments of claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, to make available funds for the Immigration Services and Infrastructure Improvements Account, to provide a set aside for the Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE) Project, and to provide for the extension of the date for the initial public offering of securities for the successor of Inmarsat.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 278), Harkin Amendment No. 1560, to express the sense of the Senate regarding discrimination against Arab Americans.

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Hatch (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1562, to enhance the capability of the United States to deter, prevent, and thwart domestic and international acts of terrorism against United States nationals and interests.

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Gregg (for Collins) Amendment No. 1563, to provide funding for the Rapid Response Program in Washington and Hancock Counties, Maine.

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Withdrawn:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1542, to increase funds for the trade enforcement and trade compliance activities of the International Trade Administration and to reduce funds for TV Marti. Pages S9354, S9359

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hollings, Inouye, Mikulski, Leahy, Kohl, Murray, Reed, Byrd, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, and Cochran.

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Smithsonian Board of Regents: Senate passed S.J. Res. 19, providing for the reappointment of Anne d'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Pages S9405-06

Smithsonian Board of Regents: Senate passed S.J. Res. 20, providing for the appointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Visa Non-Immigrants Authority: Senate passed S. 1424, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for the admission of "S" visa non-immigrants.

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